

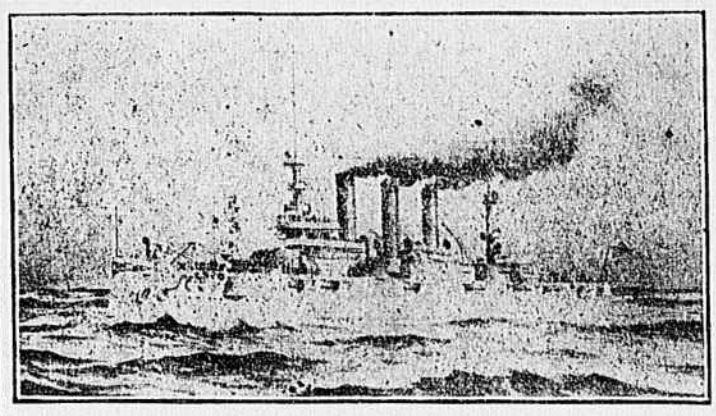
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## BATTLESHIP MINNESOTA IS QUEEN OF HER CLASS

New Record for Eighteen Knotters Established by Local-Built Craft  
MILE AT 19.412 RATE  
During Her Standardizing Trial Off Rockland Yesterday the Vessel Maintained Average Speed of 18.87 Knots Per Hour—Forced Draft Run Today



Battleship Minnesota.

On her standardizing trial at Rockland, Me., yesterday, the new 16,000 ton battleship Minnesota, the latest product of the plant of the Newport News Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Company, established a new world's record for 18 knot battleships, by racing over the Monroe Island measured mile course at the marvelous rate of speed of 19.412 knots an hour. Considering her great weight, the performance was a remarkable one and naturally was a source of great gratification to the shipyard officials aboard and the navy board of survey, under whose supervision the trial was conducted. Eclipses Louisiana's Splendid Record. During her five forced draft runs over the mile course, the Minnesota averaged 18.87 knots an hour, exceeding by a handsome margin the splendid record made by the local built battleship Louisiana, the only other vessel of this type that has been tried, during five similar runs over the same course. On her best run the speed of 19.412 knots developed by the Minnesota was nearly 50 points better than the best run made by the Louisiana over the Monroe Island course. Tidal corrections reduced the Minnesota's best speed to 19.06 knots. The mean number of revolutions developed by the Minnesota's engines during the five runs was 123.11 per minute and the maximum number was 125.21. After the trial the board of survey determined that 114.5 revolutions per minute would be necessary to attain the contract speed of 18 knots. Expect Great Things. The yard officials and naval board of survey expect the big warship to develop a speed of about 19 knots an hour on her four hours' forced draft run off the coasts of Maine and Massachusetts today as her engines, being designed for 120 revolutions a minute, should be able to average 123 revolutions throughout the trial. Such an average would give the warship a speed of 19 knots or a fraction over. The most favorable weather conditions are promised for the trial today. At the end of the four hours' forced draft run the Minnesota will start on her return voyage to this port and should arrive here Saturday morning. She will be given a 24 hours' endurance run during the return trip.

her bed, and left her clothes undisturbed on a chair. The mother says an odor of chloroform perfumed the room. Mrs. Sidebottom and daughter visited Denver, Colo., last August, and after their return Miss Fennell began receiving letters from a man, who said he had seen her first out west, and had followed her to Birmingham. The writer professed his love, and said he would kill her if he did not get her. The letters have been turned over to the police, who are working on the case. Miss Fennell, who so mysteriously disappeared from her home last night and who, it is believed, by the police was kidnapped, reappeared at her mother's home at midnight, dressed in men's clothing. She does not remember anything that has taken place during the day. She says she recovered consciousness a short time ago, and found herself alone in a strange room from which she fled.

### MRS. OELRICHS FIGHTS FOR DOWER RIGHTS IN ESTATE

Objeets to Having Husband's Will Probated in New York—Millions at Stake.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—Mrs. Herman Oelrichs, of this city, today filed an objection in court to the probate of the will of her husband, Herman Oelrichs. Her objection is based on the ground that Mr. Oelrichs was not a resident of New York, but of California. Mr. Oelrichs left the bulk of his estate to his brother and sisters. It is worth many millions of dollars. Mrs. Oelrichs' son, Herman Oelrichs, Jr., through his guardian, Paul Kienman, also filed an objection to the probate of the will on the same grounds. In an affidavit filed by Mrs. Oelrichs, she declares that at the time of her husband's death, he did not have a residence in New York. The affidavit goes on to say that in September Mrs. Oelrichs was appointed special administratrix of the estate by the courts of California, and the laws of California are quoted to show that upon the death of a husband, one-half of the community property shall go to the surviving wife or widow and that the surviving widow cannot be deprived of such interest by testamentary disposition. The affidavit declares: "That the said Theresa Alice Oelrichs is the surviving widow of the decedent and had her domicile in California for many years and is therefore entitled to receive one-half of the property both real and personal."

### MANY HURT IN WRECKS

"Cleveland Flyer" is Side-Swiped by a Caboose.

### FIVE TRAINMEN ARE INJURED

Locomotive Rolls Down a Bank Into the Ohio River—Inter-urban Car Thrown from Trucks and Eight Men Are Cut and Bruised.

(By Associated Press.) PITTSBURGH, PA., Oct. 24.—Running at a speed estimated at fifty miles an hour, the fast train between Cleveland and Pittsburgh on the Port Wayne road, known as the "Cleveland Flyer," was side-swiped by the caboose of a freight train, near Bellevue station, shortly after noon today, five trainmen being injured in the wreck, all of whom will recover. A score of passengers were cut by flying glass, but none was seriously hurt. The collision with the caboose threw the engine down an embankment thirty feet high, and it slid into the Ohio river. The baggage car, with two passenger coaches, were thrown across the rails. The destruction of the former was complete. Eight Men Injured. CHAGRIN FALLS, O., Oct. 24.—Eight men were injured, one of them perhaps fatally, in a wreck on the Eastern Ohio traction line near here today. A special car, bound west, carrying eleven persons, ten of whom were employees of the road, dashed down a steep grade at a terrific speed. The car was thrown from the trucks at a curve, burying those on board in a mass of wreckage. The accident was due to wet rails.

### GIRL CHLOROFORMED AND THEN KIDNAPPED

Escapes From Her Captors She Returns Home Attired in Men's Clothing.

(By Associated Press.) BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Oct. 24.—Mrs. J. H. Sidebottom reported to the police today the mysterious disappearance of her 18 year old daughter, Miss Fannie Fennell, from the family home. An examination of Miss Fennell's room showed that she had slept in

### THOUSANDS OF RIFLES THROWN INTO THE SEA

Cubans Make Way With Weapons Carried by Rebels During Recent Revolution.

### DEED DONE BY TAFT'S ORDER

Considerable Unrest Still Prevails in Many Parts of the Island—United States Troops Kept on the Move Rounding up Bandits—Governor Arms Himself With Body Guard.

(By Associated Press.) HAVANA, CUBA, Oct. 24.—The statement made by Secretary of War Taft on the eve of his departure from Cuba, that he would put all the arms surrendered by the insurgents where they would do no further harm, was verified today, when a company of the Cuban artillery spent the afternoon throwing these weapons into the sea, from the outer bastion of Morro Castle. Thousands of rifles and carbines were sunk in thirty fathoms of water. Some unrest continues to prevail in the provinces of Puerto Principe and Santa Clara, where small armed bands are roving and committing minor depredations. The residents of Holguin, requesting protection of troops against a considerable body of rebels, who are reported to have disbanded and a battalion of the Eleventh Infantry reached Holguin this afternoon. The mayor of the town of Aguacata, in the province of Havana, who was ousted from office, was restored to his position Tuesday and organized an armed escort of twenty-five men, alleging that he feared an attack by the Moderates. Governor Magoon tonight ordered Governor Nunez to proceed to Aguacata and compel the mayor to surrender the arms of his escort and bring the weapons to Havana.

### SEVEN MINERS KILLED.

Explosion in Shaft Endangers the Life of Many Persons. (By Associated Press.) JOHNSTOWN, PA., Oct. 24.—By an explosion in the mine of the Cambria Steel company, here today, seven men were reported to be dead and two painfully, but not fatally burned. Up to the present only one of the dead has been identified. He is an American born miner named Simpson Luther. It is said the other dead are all foreigners, as are the two injured. The explosion took place a considerable distance from the ill-fated Klondike section, where 114 men lost their lives more than four years ago. All the men, when found had their safety lamps in proper trim showing that the accident could not have been caused by neglect in that direction.

### TAMMANY HALL'S BAD NAME NOT DESERVED

Former Sachem Croker Tells What That Organization Has Done for New York.

### ORGANIZATION AIDS FOREIGNERS

One-Time Leader Says That Society Has Been Unjustly Criticized For Acts of a Few of Its Members—Great Undertakings Begun and Finished by Its Adherents He Says.

(By Associated Press.) DUBLIN, IRELAND, Oct. 24.—In the course of an interview published this evening in the Telegraph, Richard Croker, referring to Tammany Hall, and its alleged bad reputation said: "It is a case of giving a dog a bad name. If any one connected with the organization, however insignificant his position, does anything dishonorable, Tammany is blamed. 'The reformers never did anything for New York,' Mr. Croker continued. 'The great bridges, the elevated railroads, the public buildings and everything are the work of Tammany. If there was corruption why did not the district attorney prosecute somebody?' 'Tammany Hall has succeeded entirely on its merits. It is the most Democratic institution in the world. If anything is wrong with it, then something is wrong with the people themselves. 'It stands not only for the poor man, but also for the foreigner newly landed on American soil. It believes, as against the Republican party, that the foreigner should receive the benefits of the American constitution as soon as possible. It stands all around for equal rights.'"

### FARMERS FAVOR BRYAN

Government Ownership of Railroads Discussed by Them.

### "PACKING TRUST" TO BE FOUGHT

Agents Are to be Employed to Take Care of Their Interests—Stock Raisers and Agriculturists to Cure Their Own Meat.

(By Associated Press.) TOPEKA, KANS., Oct. 24.—Plans for opposing the packing companies and the fruit commission dealers are under consideration by the Farmers National Co-operative Congress. Two schemes to be used to break the force of the so-called "packing trust" have been decided upon, and probably will be put into execution. One is that the members of the Farmers Congress, will try to cure the majority of the meat which they use themselves and will also cure meats for the markets. The other plan will be to have agents in each county to handle all the stock of the members and ship to another agent at the market, who will sell direct to the packing house. Today's session was devoted to general discussion of co-operative plans and much sentiment was manifested in favor of government ownership of railroads. A resolution urging Congress to take steps to have the States as well as the National government adopt more stringent pure food laws was passed. A committee was appointed for the purpose of formulating a uniform system of organization of co-operative bodies. A merger is not contemplated, but it is proposed to have all co-operative societies work under the guidance of a strong central organization.

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### MRS. HARTJE DENIES SLANDEROUS STORIES

Her Reputation Assailed by Negro Coachman She Takes Stand in Her Own Defense.

### FELLOW ON TRIAL FOR PERJURY

Woman's Parents Confirm Her Statements in Regard to Her Husband's Driver—Court Room Cleared While Defendant's Deposition Was Read as It Was of a Spicy Nature.

(By Associated Press.) PITTSBURGH, PA., Oct. 24.—Mrs. Mary Scott Hartje, respondent in the recent sensational divorce suit instituted by her husband, Augustus Hartje, a millionaire paper manufacturer, of this city, was the principal witness for the Commonwealth in the perjury case against Clifford Hooe, a negro, and former coachman of Hartje. She emphatically denied the allegations of intimacy made by Hooe in his deposition. "The assertions of Hooe are absolutely and maliciously false," she declared. Denies all Base Stories. Mrs. Hartje also denied, that she was on good terms with him; had not driven to his home to tell his mother how much she liked him, and did not see him after he left her employe. Mrs. Hartje was subsequently corroborated by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Scott, and a number of former house servants of the family. Charles T. Fullwood, for thirteen years a court stenographer was called. He took the deposition and said the man who had made it looked like the defendant. Court Room Cleared. As the witness began to read the deposition from the official notes, the court room was cleared, only those connected with the case and reporters were permitted to remain. This was done because of the nature of the deposition. The testimony of Mr. Fullwood caused several sharp arguments between Assistant District Attorney Robb and Attorney Ferguson, the debate becoming so heated at times that Judge Frazier was compelled to interpose. When court adjourned until tomorrow, Edgar Ray, a private detective was testifying as to Hooe's trip through Ohio immediately after he is alleged to have made the deposition.

### PYTHIANS CHANGE LAWS.

Insurance Feature of the Order Being Perfected by Knights. (By Associated Press.) NEW ORLEANS, LA., Oct. 24.—New insurance laws affecting 80,000 policyholders, were officially adopted today by the supreme lodge, Knights of Pythias. The features of these laws are: An increase in the maximum policy from \$3,000 to \$5,000. An increase in the age limit at which members can be insured are 50 to 60 years. The creation of a new fifth class of insurance. This class involves a complete change from the old fraternal congress to the American experience table, with interest at 3 1/2 per cent. There will be annual accountings and annual dividend policy, returning to the member at the end of each year all over and above the cost of carrying the risk and expense of management. All policies under the new system becomes incontestable after three years. Privilege is given policyholders in the fourth class, to transfer into the new fifth class, taking the same amount without new medical examinations.

### NEGRO LYNCHED FOR KILLING A MISSISSIPPI FARMER

Not Being Suspected the Fellow Led Posse to Dead Man's Mutilated Body.

(By Associated Press.) NEW ORLEANS, LA., Oct. 24.—Dispatches from Centerville, Miss., say that Tom Crompton, a negro, was lynched near there today. He confessed to the murder of Ely Whitaker, a farmer. Whitaker was murdered yesterday and all last night, a posse, suspecting foul play, searched for him. With this posse was the negro Crompton. Today he begged leave from the searchers to go home, but after he had gone the posse followed him, finding it is alleged, that instead of going home, he had gone to the spot where Whitaker's body lay, and cutting off the head, arms and legs, with an axe, had dropped them into a sink hole near his cabin.

### TO FORCE MEN TO WORK

Virginia Truck Raisers Propose Making Idle Quit Loafing.

### FARMERS IN NEED OF LABORERS

Statue Providing Jail Sentences for Loafers Receives Attention from the Members of the Association—Kirm Named President.

(By Associated Press.) NORFOLK, VA., Oct. 24.—The Southern Produce Exchange, composed of the leading truck growers in Tidewater Virginia, in annual session here today, discussed the question of the scarcity of labor in this vast trucking belt, and named a committee to devise ways and means for the better enforcement of the Virginia statutes, which provide for the felling of idlers, when there is work to be had, and they will not accept it. This is intended to have the effect of driving idlers in the city, as well as the country, to work. Steps looking to the establishment of a proposed agricultural experiment station on the Diamond Springs Farm, in Princess Anne county, Virginia, were taken. Henry Kirm, was re-elected president of the Exchange.

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### BIG TEMPORARY HOTEL.

May be Erected on Vacant Property Facing Hotel Warwick. It is stated that the Old Dominion Land Company is contemplating the erection of a big temporary hotel building on the vacant property between Hotel Warwick and the river. Superintendent Manville will have nothing to say in regard to the matter, but it is understood that if it is decided to carry out the plan work will begin within the next thirty days. The building, if put up, will be particularly for the accommodation of visitors during the Jamestown exposition.